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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER DESAI ON NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH
CANADA

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1. EMBASSY HAS SECURED TEXT OF PRIME MINISTER DESA'S JUNE 17 STATEMENT TO THELOK SABHA ON HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE IN LONDON. ON HIS TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU, DESA SAID: "WE REVIEWED THE PROBLEMS WHICH HAD COME UP IN THE WAY OF OUR HARMONIOUS RELATIONS AND AGREED THAT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF OUR RESPECTIVE NATIONAL POLICIES, EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE SO THAT BENEFICIAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CAN BE RESUMED AND THE OLD TRADITION OF INDO-CANADIAN FRIENDSHIP REVIVED."

2. IN HIS LOK SABHA STATEMENT, THE PM ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT "QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN THE CONTEXT OF NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS" HAD
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ARISEN IN HIS CONVERSATION IN LONDON, TEHRAN AND PARIS. DESAI TOLD THE LOK SABHA: " I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF REAFFIRMING OUR POSITION, WHICH HAD BEEN MADE CLEAR ON MANY OCCASION...THAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES ONLY."

3. WHEN WE ASKED THE CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION HERE FOR

THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT DESAI HAD ACTUALLY SAID, THEY
COMMENDED TO US A SAMACHAR ITEM DATED OTTAWA JUNE 19 ON
PM TRUDEAU'S LONDON TALKS WITH DESAI. ACCORDING TO SAMACHAR,
TRUDEAU TOLD NEWSMEN THAT HE WAS FULLY SATISFIED WITH HIS
TALKS AND THAT IT APPEARED TO HIM THAT DESAI WAS
EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE DANGERS OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION
AND DID NOT WANT INDIA TO CONTRIBUTE TO IT IN ANY WAY.
TRUDEAU ALSO REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED THE HOPE FOR RECONCILIATION
BETWEEN CANADA AND INDIA ON THE QUESTION OF NUCLEAR
SAFEGUARDS. ACCORDING TO SAMACHAR, TRUDEAU WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT
"INDIAN ADVISERS WOULD LOOK AT CANADIAN NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS
ONE BY ONE THE SAME WAY AS CANADA DID".
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